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Governor Gavin Newsom during an earlier COVID-19 press conference (courtesy photo)

By edhat staff

Governor Gavin Newsom has ordered the closure of indoor operations such as dine-in restaurants, for 19 counties including Santa Barbara and Ventura.

These indoor operations that must close for at least three weeks include restaurants, wineries and tasting rooms, movie theaters, family entertainment centers, zoos and museums and cardrooms Newsom said during his coronavirus briefing.

"This doesn't mean restaurants are shut down," Newsom said. "It means that we're trying to take the activities, as many activities as we can -- these mixed activities, these concentrated activities — and move them outdoors, which is a way of mitigating the spread of this virus."

The 19 counties affected have been included on the state's COVID-19 watch list for having elevated disease transmission, increasing hospitalization and limited hospital capacity.

The affected counties are Contra Costa, Fresno, Glenn, Imperial, Kern, Kings, Los Angeles, Merced, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Solano, Stanislaus, Tulare, and Ventura.

Newsom stated the above counties should consider canceling firework shows if they haven't already, and supports the decision by Los Angeles and Ventura county officials for preemptively closing beaches. He stated he is not mandating the closure of beaches but will be modifying parking facility operations and closing them to traffic throughout southern California and parts of Monterey, Santa Cruz and farther north.

Santa Barbara and Goleta have already cancelled firework displays but decided to keep local beaches open, much to the dismay of residents who fear people from other counties will travel to the area for the holiday weekend.

Newsom stated California had seen a 43% increase in the coronavirus hospitalization rate and a nearly 50% increase in COVID-19 cases in the past 14 days, as well as 110 deaths within the past 24 hours.

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When is he going to close the southern border?? It is a FACT that there are people coming up from our southern border and overwhelming the hospitals. Imperial and SD county hospitals are being hit hard. Many news agencies and government Agencies and hospitals are reporting this

RELOADSB JUL 01, 2020 02:17 PM

Yes but CPB and hospitals are not reporting issues at the Canadian bordered hospitals. Ambulances at the southern border are responding to 911 medical calls for Covid cases and taking them into the hospitals. This is an expensive lesson that free health care for ALL and open borders DOES NOT WORK.

A-1593638283 JUL 01, 2020 02:17 PM

In fact - Europe has closed it's borders to the US because we are a COVID infested S-hole country.

A-1593638283 JUL 01, 2020 02:15 PM

Meant to say the southern border has been C L O S E D for some time now. It has been closed since March 2020. Keep up. https://www.usnews.com/news/national-news/articles/2020-06-16/us-borders-with-mexico-canada-to-remain-closed-over-coronavirus-concerns

A-1593638283 JUL 01, 2020 02:14 PM

Reload - the Southern border has been open for some time as well as the Canadian border.

GENERALTREE JUL 01, 2020 01:59 PM

OMFG here come the anti-mask culture warriors......

A-1593638283 JUL 01, 2020 01:55 PM

I don't get the hate on the gov. Look at the spanish flu, it killed over 50,000,000+ over two years and those are just estimates!!!! Compared to that virus, the first 3 months for us compared to that virus first 3 months are worse! I'm sorry you can't go to the beach, get something to eat downtown in air conditioning, or go see a movie. I'm pretty sure we all want to save lives, people need to stop being dumb about little things and stop bashing Newsom. He's trying to save as many lives in our state, if you have a better idea PLEASEEEEEEEEE do tell.....

A-1593638283 JUL 01, 2020 01:50 PM

I would not call him a bastard and i think he's trying to do what he can in a very dynamic environment, but I do agree further closures are a bad call. He should mandate a more strict safer at home order for those who are in the high mortality zone (that data is well known). This would have the same effect of lowering hospitalizations, but with the benefits of allowing those those who want to go out to do so (most cases are not symptomatic, and we also know who is highly unlikely to need hospitalization) and those businesses who want to remain open to do so as well.

MACPUZL JUL 01, 2020 02:17 PM

The data are saying we are seeing a large wave of new infections - the positive ratio is increasing. Newsom and his healthcare advisors know what the data are saying.

RELOADSB JUL 01, 2020 02:13 PM

This age group was not even being tested before. No one seems to remember 6 weeks ago when the mantra was "if your treatment is not going to change, we aren't testing you". THIS IS WHY THE NUMBERS ARE GOING UP. Newsom needs to pull his head out and understand what the data is saying.

A-1593638283 JUL 01, 2020 02:10 PM

1:50pm. So anyone over 50 should stay indoors? https://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/COVIDNet/COVID19_5.html

A-1593638283 JUL 01, 2020 02:05 PM

57% of the cases in the entire State of CA are in the 18-49 age group. Santa Barbara County's numbers are similar. Younger people may not need to be hospitalized as much as older people, but that's hardly a consolation.

GENERALTREE JUL 01, 2020 02:01 PM

1:50 Those people are already staying home.

420722 JUL 01, 2020 01:34 PM

Last time this bastard did this it was supposed to be two weeks. Now it's "at least three" which could mean several more months. Either everyone needs to to push back and say no or everyone is going to lose their business this time. What will you do? Hoping to hear back from some local businesses owners affected by this.

A-1593638283 JUL 01, 2020 01:57 PM

Hi I own an esthetic business! So far I've been open half a week, I paid the whole time shut. It's hard bc I'm super busy this week but I feel the fear starting again with the increase in cases, I feel we will be shut again soon. The next few weeks and months are crazy slow. I lost a lot of clients bc I followed the rules and some clients saw ppl that were willing to see them illegally. I've lost a lot of relationships that I've build the last 12 years bc of the pandemic. Many of my older clientele has not called, which I completely understand. I understand it all. It's just sad. I'm sad for my business but I'm more sad for the way of life we've lost. I really have no idea what the future is for me and my business. I have children and I'm grappling with the fact that I may give up my career I loved to homeschool. I'm not mad, I'm just sad and when we close I could hold on for a good while but the unknown of how long makes me want to pull out so I don't go down with the ship. When this is over, I can always restart.

A-1593638283 JUL 01, 2020 01:24 PM

Close SB beaches too.

A-1593638283 JUL 01, 2020 02:03 PM

Agreed Ahchooo - I agree with open for those exceptions. I am concerned though with the holiday weekend as inevitably people will be coming here since beaches are closed down south.

AHCHOOO JUL 01, 2020 01:58 PM

They could restrict beaches to moving activities only: walking, swimming, surfing, but no lying about sunning and socializing. It would be a shame to close off the ocean itself—it is very big, with space for lots of people to swim and paddle safely.

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